

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3633

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

CINCPAC

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PGOV, PINT, ID

SUBJECT: CABINET CHANGES

1. FOREIGN MINISTER ADAM MALIK IN MANNER TYPICAL OF HIS PERSONAL STYLE HAS ANNOUNCED TO A SINGAPORE CORRESPONDENT IN WEST GERMANY THAT HE WILL MOVE FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY TO PARLIAMENT AT END OF THIS MONTH. WHILE THIS REVELATION PLACES HIM IN LAME DUCT STATUS FOR FORTHCOMING UNGA, WE IMAGINE MALIK WISHED TO BE CERTAIN THAT CONFIRMATION OF THIS PERSISTENT AND WIDELY BELIEVED REPORT CAME FROM HIM RATHER THAN THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS REASSIGNMENT.

2. MOST EMBASSY SOURCES BELIEVE DEFENSE MINISTER PANGGABEAN IS CURRENTLY FRONT RUNNER FOR MALIK'S PRESENT JOB, ALTHOUGH HE IS CLEARLY NOT A POPULAR CHOICE AND  
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PRESSURES MAY BUILD UP AGAINST HIM.

OTHER FREQUENTLY MENTIONED CONTENDERS ARE AMBASSADOR

TO THE U.S. RUSMIN NURYADIN, MINISTER OF JUSTICE

MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA, ASEAN SECRETARY GENERAL LT.

GEN. DHARSONO, UN REP. ANWAR SANI AND PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT

LT. GEN. ALI MURTOPO. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SUHARTO MAY LEAVE PANGGABEAN

IN ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER STATUS UNTIL MPR SESSION  
EARLY NEXT YEAR.

3. WE HAVE HAD INCREASING NUMBER OF REPORTS THAT  
MINISTER OF INFORMATION MASHURI, WHO IS GENERALLY BELIEVED  
TO BE INEFFECTIVE AND OFTEN INEPT IN HIS CURRENT JOB,  
WILL BECOME ONE OF PARLIAMENT'S DEPUTY CHAIRMEN. THIS  
SWITCH SHOULD ALSO BE ANNOUNCED BEFORE THE NEW  
PARLIAMENT CONVENES NEXT MONTH. WE HAVE NO GOOD LEADS  
ON MASHURI'S SUCCESSOR, BUT SOME BELIEVE MINISTER OF STATE  
SUDHARMONO WILL ASSUME HIS FUNCTIONS TEMPORARILY.

4. MOST OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT CABINET CHANGES NOT  
REQUIRED TO BE MADE BEFORE NEW PARLIAMENT  
CONVENES WILL BE MADE AFTER MARCH 1978 MPR  
SESSION.

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